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<u>Claims</u>

- 1. A method of scoring a sporting event comprising the steps of:
 - a) determining a number of at least two categories;
- b) determining a number of places to be awarded in said number of at least two categories;
- c) multiplying said number of said categories by said number of places to be awarded;
- d) comparing c) with a number of participants eligible to be awarded and if said number of eligible participants is greater than or equal to c);
- e) dividing eligible participants by said number of at least two categories to divide said eligible participants into categories; and
- f) awarding each of said number of places to be awarded in each of said categories.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein a) and b) are determined based on a total number of participants in said event.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said number of participants eligible to be awarded does not equal said total number of participants.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the steps of, after c), allowing the participants to complete the event and determining a number of participants eligible to be awarded.

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5. A method of scoring a team roping event, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) determining the total number of participating teams;
- b) determining a number of at least two categories;
- c) determining a number of places to be awarded in said number of at least two categories;
- d) multiplying said number of said categories by said number of places to be awarded;
- e) allowing the teams to complete the event and determining a number of teams eligible to be awarded;
- f) comparing d) with a number of teams eligible to be awarded and if said number of eligible teams is greater than or equal to d);
- g) dividing eligible teams by said number of at least two categories to divide said eligible teams into categories; and
- h) awarding each of said number of places to be awarded in each of said categories.

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- 6. A method of scoring a team roping event, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) determining the total number of participating teams;
- b) determining a number of at least two categories and a number of places to be awarded in said number of at least two categories using the following;

Number of Teams	Number of Categories	Places to be Awarded in
Participating in the Event		each Category
25-50 teams	2 categories	1 place
51-75 teams	3 categories	1 place
76-100 teams	4 categories	1 place
101-125 teams	5 categories	1 place
126-200 teams	5 categories	2 places
201-300 teams	6 categories	2 places
301-400 teams	7 categories	2 places
401-500 teams	8 categories	2 places

- c) multiplying said number of said categories by said number of places to be awarded;
- d) allowing the teams to complete the event and determining a number of teams eligible to be awarded;
- e) comparing c) with a number of teams eligible to be awarded and if said number of eligible teams is greater than or equal to c);
- f) dividing eligible teams by said number of at least two categories to divide said eligible teams into categories; and
- g) awarding each of said number of places to be awarded in each of said categories.